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For: PYROLYTIC BORON NITRIDE DOUBLE CONTAINER AND MANUFACTURE
THEREOF

AMENDMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the August 28, 2002, Office Action, the period for response having been extended to February 28, 2003 by the attached three-month Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

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Please replace claims 1-24 as follow:

1. (Amended) A pyrolytic boron nitride double container for a source of molecular beams used in molecular beam epitaxy, comprising:
- an outer container having an outer container transmissivity with respect to light having a wave number of 2600 cm^{-1} to 6500 cm^{-1} , and
- an inner container having an inner container transmissivity with respect to light having a wave number of 2600 cm^{-1} to 6500 cm^{-1} ;
- wherein said inner container transmissivity is 90% or less of said outer container transmissivity.
2. (Amended) The pyrolytic boron nitride double container according to Claim 1, said inner container comprising an inner surface and an outer surface;

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